

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 24 are hereby amended thereby leaving claims 6, 7, 9-12 and 14-23 unchanged. Claims 2-5, 8 and 13 were previously canceled. No new matter is added.

Claim 24 is objected to for informalities. Claim 24 is amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9-12 and 14-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Claims 1 and 24 are amended to omit the term “internal” when referencing the structural framework.

Claims 1, 6, 9-12, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Krage (US 5,425,594) in view of Casey (US 4,496,264).

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Krage in view of Casey and further in view of Anderson (US 2003/0086761).

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Krage in view of Casey and further in view of Cobb (US 5,054,954).

As discussed during the telephonic interview, claims 16 and 24 are not cited in the art rejections. It is unclear if claims 16 and 24 are rejected or are allowable. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject matter of claims 16 and 24.

If a conference call would be useful in resolving issues arising from the filing of this communication, please contact the undersigned at the below-noted number.

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